The Memoranda of representations and suggestions previously prepared and forwarded by the members had been grouped under the heads of general and local subjects and the former were first taken up.

GENERAL SUBJECTS.

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I. Land Revenue, Survey, Settlement, &c.

1. Abolition of Kadama tax.

Mr. Narayanan Madhavan Karthavu (*Shertallay*) said that when Shertallay was taken by Travancore from Cochin a new tax in addition to the old Kadama was levied by the Government and as thus the people had now to pay a double tax, he requested that the Kadama tax might be abolished at the present settlement.

Reply.—This will be considered by the Settlement Dewan Peishkar to whom a formal representation may be made.

2. Abolition of chatham and chumadu cess.

Mr. Narayanan Madhavan Karthavu (*Shertallay*) requested that the cess known as Chatham obtaining not only in Shertallay but also in Kalkulam and Vilavankod, as well as the Chumadu cess, might be abolished.

Reply.—These are extra cesses which do not come within the class of cesses abolished by section 26 of the Royal Proclamation dated 24th February 1886. Under clause (3) of that section, all cesses levied on lands already paying the full pattom assessment are abolished, while cesses falling on lands paying less than the full pattom are retained and incorporated with the Government demand. If individual cases of hardship are brought to the notice of the Settlement Peishkar, he will consider them.

3. That only ⅛ pattom should be levied on Kudipulli thanathu lands.

Mr. Narayanan Narayanan Karthavu (*Shertallay*) said that the present method of assessing these lands worked hardship on the ryots and requested that ⅛ pattom alone should be levied.

Mr. Narasimha Kammathi of Shertallay (*Nominated*) supported him.

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